

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment to amend the claims was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James Singer and Ms Ritu Singh on June 17, 2008.

IN THE TITLE

The title has been changed by the Examiner to reflect the claimed invention. The title now reads:

---WIRE DRAWING DIE AND METHOD OF MAKING---

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable diamond die comprising:
a die core comprised of diamond; and
a ring container system comprising at least two pre-stressed rings of increasing diameter placed around the die core, the pre-stressed condition of the rings establishing a deformed fit between the rings and the ring container system further providing a compression against the die core.
wherein the at least two rings form a container housing the die core; and
a housing comprising a housing container and a cap surrounding the two rings and die core.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a disposable diamond die assembly comprising the steps of:

providing a die core comprised of diamond;

providing at least two rings of increasing diameter ~~around the die core forming a ring container system, the die core and the ring container system each having mating geometrical features- by establishing a pre-stressed condition between the at least two rings to form a pre-stressed ring container system;~~

securing the die core in the pre-stressed ring container system by contacting ~~the~~ respective mating geometrical features between the ring container system and die core and causing a deformation in at least one of the mating geometrical feature, the deformation providing mechanical compression forces sufficient to secure the die core in the ring container system; and

placing the ring container system with the secured die core into a container assembly.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: One reason for allowance is that the prior art of record does not show a method for manufacturing a diamond die or a diamond die as claimed inter alia where at least two prestressed rings are fitted together with a deformed fit and around a diamond die so that the rings form a compression fit with the diamond die.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

INQUIRIES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner D. Crane whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4516**. The examiner's office hours are 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Documents related to the instant application may be submitted directly by facsimile transmission at all times. The Examiner's Fax number is **(571) 273-4516**. Applicant(s) is(are) reminded to clearly mark any transmission as "DRAFT" if it is **not** to be considered as an official response. The Office Facsimile Center number is **(571) 273-8300**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks, can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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